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Edward A. Flynn  
Chief of Police

May 15, 2013

Dear Family and Friends:

Welcome to the Spring Merit Awards Ceremony.

Tonight we are honored to recognize those members who have demonstrated their dedication and commitment to the Milwaukee Police Department and the community they serve. We will also recognize individuals in our community who have courageously and unselfishly performed extraordinary acts to ensure the safety of others.

Thank you for joining us this evening as we continue the tradition of recognizing those who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. Please help us celebrate and congratulate these remarkable individuals whose actions contribute to our vision of a Milwaukee where all can live safely and without fear, protected by a police department with the highest ethical and professional standards.

To our award recipients, I commend you on a job well done.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward A. Flynn', written in a cursive style.

Edward A. Flynn  
Chief of Police

## *Invited Guests*

*Tom Barrett*

Mayor—City of Milwaukee

### *The Milwaukee Common Council*

*Willie L. Hines, Jr.*

Common Council President

<i>Ashanti Hamilton</i> 1st District	<i>Joe Davis, Sr.</i> 2nd District	<i>Nik Kovac</i> 3rd District	<i>Robert J. Bauman</i> 4th District
<i>James A. Bohl Jr.</i> 5th District	<i>Milele A. Coggs</i> 6th District	<i>Willie C. Wade</i> 7th District	<i>Robert G. Donovan</i> 8th District
<i>Robert W. Puente</i> 9th District	<i>Michael J. Murphy</i> 10th District	<i>Joseph A. Dudzik</i> 11th District	<i>Jose G. Perez</i> 12th District
<i>Terry L. Witkowski</i> 13th District	<i>Tony Zielinski</i> 14th District	<i>Willie L. Hines, Jr.</i> 15th District	

### *Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission*

*Michael G. Tobin*

Executive Director

<i>Richard C. Cox</i> Commissioner	<i>Ann Wilson</i> Commissioner	<i>Sarah Morgan</i> Commissioner
<i>Kathryn Hein</i> Commissioner	<i>Paoi X. Lor</i> Commissioner	<i>Michael M. O'Hear</i> Commissioner

### *Other Invited Guests*

Command Staff Milwaukee Police Department	Milwaukee Police Supervisors' Organization	John T. Chisholm Milwaukee Co. District Attorney
ALEASP	Milwaukee Police Association	Family and Friends

## *Spring 2013 Awards Program*

### *Musical Prelude*

Milwaukee Police Band  
Police Lieutenant Karen M. Dubis  
Director

### *Welcome*

Captain Victor E. Beecher  
Police Academy

### *Honor Guard and Presentation of Colors*

Police Lieutenant Charles A. Berard  
Police Officer Clifton L. Stephens  
Police Officer Trent D. Little  
Police Officer Elvis M. Lock  
Police Officer Rebecca Carpenter  
Police Officer Kathy R. Schult  
Police Officer Thomas L. Struck

### *National Anthem*

Milwaukee Police Band

### *Remarks*

Mayor Tom Barrett  
City of Milwaukee

### *Remarks and Presentation*

Police Chief Edward A. Flynn  
Milwaukee Police Department

### *Mistress of Ceremonies*

Ms. Stephanie Brown  
CBS 58 Reporter

## *Award Classifications*

### *The Medal of Honor*



The Medal of Honor is the highest award granted by the Milwaukee Police Department. It is awarded to a member for exceptional bravery at the imminent risk of life or serious bodily injury.

The recipient has demonstrated exceptional courage by performing a voluntary action in an extremely dangerous situation. The act may involve situations where deadly force is used against an officer and the officer prevails or a rescue situation in which the risk of death or injury was substantial.

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### *The Medal of Valor*



Combat



Rescue

The Medal of Valor is presented to a member who has performed a deed of personal bravery or self-sacrifice so conspicuous as to clearly distinguish himself/herself for gallantry and intrepidity. The act goes beyond normal demands and is of such a nature that the member was fully aware of the threat to his/her safety and acted above and beyond the call of duty at the risk of his/her own life.

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### *Lifesaving*



The Lifesaving Award is presented to a member who is directly responsible for saving a human life. A member is eligible to receive this award if his/her actions led to the prolonging of the life of a victim to the extent that the victim was released to professional medical care.

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### *Purple Valor/Star*



The Purple Valor/Purple Star Award is presented to a member who, in the line of duty, sustains any serious bodily injury or permanent disfigurement or permanent or protracted impairment of the function of any body member or organ or permanent or protracted impairment of health. A "V" device will signify combat-related serious bodily injury.

## *Award Classifications*

### *Chief's Superior Leadership*



The Chief's Superior Leadership Award is presented to a member at the discretion of the Chief of Police for leadership excellence in the performance of duty and/or honorable conduct and professionalism in pursuit of the Department's mission.

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### *Distinguished Service*



The Distinguished Service Award is presented to a member who has continuously distinguished himself/herself by exceptional service in the performance of his/her duties or great or unusual responsibility wherein he/she has displayed unusual responsibility and initiative, marked ability, keen observation and exceptional energy.

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### *Excellence in Police Service*



The Excellence in Police Service Award is presented to a member who makes a significant contribution, above and beyond the call of duty, to the community-service component of the Department's mission. The award recognizes those instances over a period of time wherein the member's diligence, teamwork, perseverance and problem-solving ability exemplifies the highest standards of community policing.

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### *Meritorious Service*



The Meritorious Service Award is presented to a member who makes a significant contribution to the mission of the Milwaukee Police Department above and beyond the normal call of duty. It recognizes those instances wherein a member's courage, resourcefulness, tenacity, diligence and/or perseverance in the line of duty goes beyond that which is normally expected of members in the protection of life or property, the prevention of a major crime or the apprehension of an armed and/or dangerous criminal.

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### *Unit Service*



The Unit Service Award is presented to a Departmental Unit whose actions through a combination of teamwork, diligence and perseverance is performed in an exemplary manner.

*Order of Appearances*  
*Excellence in Police Service-Juneteenth Day Festival*

Captain Stephen R. Basting.....District One  
Captain Donald J. Gaglione.....Neighborhood Task Force  
Police Lieutenant Boris Turcinovic.....District Five  
Police Lieutenant James H. Mac Gillis.....Technical Communications Divisions

*District 1*

Police Officers Paul M. Helminiak, Mark M. Kubicek, James D. Luckett  
and Eric C. Ratzmann .....Lifesaving  
Police Officer Christopher G. Boss.....Distinguished Service  
Milwaukee County Sheriff Deputy Nicholas D'Addario  
and Mr. Daniel B. Suszek.....Citizen Award-Valorous Conduct  
Mr. Kyle M. Anderson, Ms. Lexie M. Belles  
and Mr. Mark L. Simonson.....Citizen Award-Meritorious Conduct  
Ms. Linda J. Reince.....Citizen Award-Certificate of Appreciation

*District 2*

Police Officer Jeffrey S. Thiele .....Excellence in Police Service  
Police Officers Glenn Podlesnik, Jeffrey S. Thiele  
and Michael A. Urbaniak..... Meritorious Service  
Mr. Kevin J. Esser.....Citizen Award-Meritorious Conduct

*District 3*

Police Officers Kathy L. Anderer and Miles D. Kowalik .....Lifesaving  
Police Officers Gary L. Post and Scott T. Iverson.....Excellence in Police Service  
Police Sergeant Charles B. Brown, Police Officers Alvin O. Hannah and  
and Lafayette J. Emmons ..... Meritorious Service  
Mr. Brett M. Lieungh, Mr. Tod Oldenburg  
and Mr. Robert R. Krystowiak.....Citizen Award-Meritorious Conduct  
Mr. Glen Jones .....Citizen Award-Certificate of Appreciation

*District 4*

Police Officer Raymond B. DeBraska .....Lifesaving  
Police Officers Guy J. Fraley, Paul J. Viljevac, Kyle R. Mrozinski  
and Matthew J. Murray.....Meritorious Service  
Mr. Eric C. Kesler and Ms. Dyanna M. Rau.....Citizen Award-Valorous Award

*District 5*

Sergeants August H. Halama and Joe H. Roberson,  
Police Officers Keyellia M. Morries and Edward A. Ciano  
and Police Aide Michael R. Braunreiter.....Lifesaving  
Police Officer Jason Rodriguez.....Distinguished Service  
Police Officers Daniel J. Keller and Gregory M. Kuspa..... Meritorious Service  
Mr. James P. Barry.....Citizen Award-Certificate of Appreciation

*District 6*

Police Officers Jeffrey G. Pierson and Police Aide Alberto Figueroa.....Lifesaving  
Police Officers David L. Claas, Jutiki X, Philip Rodriguez  
and Justin M. Jolliff.....Meritorious Service  
Mr. Michael Romans.....Citizen Award-Valorous Conduct  
Mr. Michael J. Diedrich  
and Ms. Armina Fontanez.....Citizen Award-Meritorious Conduct

## *Order of Appearances*

### *District 7*

Police Officers Ron Fohr and Elliott Whiteside.....Excellence in Police Service  
Police Officers David M. Gabbard and Theresa C. Janick.....Distinguished Service  
Police Officers Martez L. Ball, Jorge O. Suarez, Michael A. Fedel, Joseph M. Boehlke,  
and Jennifer J. Johnson.....Meritorious Service

### *South Investigations Division*

Police Officers Christopher Lalko and Jon Parker ..... Excellence in Police Service

### *Office of Community Outreach & Education*

Police Officer Kathy R. Schult.....Excellence in Police Service

### *Internal Affairs Division*

Police Lieutenant David A. Salazar Jr.....Distinguished Service

### *Technical Communications Division*

Lead Police Telecommunicator Tina M. Torrescruz.....Lifesaving

Police Telecommunicator Diana L. Lebron.....Meritorious Service

### *Metropolitan Investigations Division*

Ms. Jeanne Frost, Mr. Frederick Carsky

and Mr. Steven J. Meyer.....Meritorious Conduct

### *Unit Service*

### *District 5- Wisconsin Association of Community Oriented Police*

Police Lieutenant Boris Turcinovic

Police Lieutenant Heather N. Wurth

Sergeant Rochelle A. Gawin

Police Officer Cory J. Lopez

Police Officer Gregory D. Hunter

Police Officer Thomas M. Kupsik

Police Officer Brian D. Matte

Police Officer Kevin D. Matte

Police Officer Laurel K. Osiewalski

Police Officer Joseph L. Szczybialska

Police Officer Eileen M. Donovan-Agnew

Police District Office Assistant Veneitta A. Claybrooks

*Please join us in Room 182 for refreshments immediately following the program.*

Police Officers Paul M. Helminiak, Mark M. Kubicek, James D. Lockett  
and Eric C. Ratzmann.....Lifesaving Award

On July 20, 2012, Police Officers Helminiak, Kubicek, Lockett and Ratzman responded to a call of a suicidal citizen on the North-South lakefront bicycle path near East Brady Street and North Prospect Avenue. A male subject had crossed over the hand railing and was threatening to end his life by jumping from a 30-foot ledge. The officers recognized the subject's volatile behavior. The subject warned the officers not to utilize any deceptive tactics and communicated that he was ready to die. The officers continued in dialogue with the intoxicated subject for over one hour. At six different points throughout the dialogue, the subject made threatening moves to indicate that he was going to jump. Through persistent persuasion, the subject was brought down to safety.

Captain Stephen R. Basting.....Excellence in Police Service Award

Juneteenth Day is one of Milwaukee's largest festivals. Planning for the festival has become a multi-unit, multi-jurisdictional project led by Milwaukee Police Department members. As a result of coordinated leadership from Captain Stephen R. Basting and the Milwaukee Police Department units, the festival was one of the safest and best-organized events in the City of Milwaukee. The well-coordinated leadership and the implementation of the operational plan enabled festival attendees, vendors, and assigned officers to work and enjoy the well-attended historic Juneteenth Day event.

Police Officer Christopher G. Boss.....Distinguished Service Award

In spring of 2010, Officer Boss took it upon himself to undertake the complex task of upgrading the electronics and equipment on the Department's fleet of boats, after he recognized the current equipment's frequent repairs and lack of standardization. He invested in a significant amount of on-duty and off-duty research and networking with other departments and was undeterred by budgetary constraints. Officer Boss also developed a long-term plan to locate additional funding sources. Considerations were made regarding long-term serviceability, cost effectiveness, ease of operation, interoperability with partner agencies, and trends in technology. Officer Boss initiated cost savings by arranging for Harbor Patrol personnel to conduct boat maintenance duties thereby increasing the unit's level of interest and ownership of projects. Officer Boss achieved his goals while increasing overall officer safety, unit knowledge, productivity, morale and esprit de corps.



**Police Officer Jeffrey S. Thiele .....Excellence in Police Service Award**

Police Officer Thiele is proficient in utilizing the Northeastern Wisconsin Property Recovery System (NEWPRS). This system helps locate and identify stolen property, which is then resold to pawn and resale shops. Although the city ordinance requires that the sellers provide identification and the means by which the property was acquired, video games and their systems were excluded. Officer Thiele lobbied with the city attorney to change the ordinance. With the assistance of the Legislative Reference Bureau, a new draft ordinance removing the video game exclusion was submitted to the Common Council. The ordinance change was voted into law on January 10, 2013. Officer Thiele displayed diligence and persistence while pursuing his goal to have this ordinance amended to enhance the protection of citizenry.

**Police Officers Jeffrey S. Thiele  
and Michael A. Urbaniak.....Meritorious Service Award**

On November 9, 2012, an anonymous complaint was received that a store on Muskego Avenue without a state tax stamp was paying cash for WIC checks, selling antibiotics from Mexico, paying cash for gold, and holding a basement full of stolen goods. Over the next three months, Officers Thiele and Urbaniak worked with an undercover officer, the State of Wisconsin Department of Revenue, and other agencies to confirm these allegations. Their three-month exhaustive investigation proved this store owner violated several city ordinances and state statutes. The store owner was also endangering the lives of several citizens who were purchasing prescription medication from him. Some of these medications are banned in the United States because they cause severe side effects, including cancer-causing links. The store owner purchased stolen goods taken in robberies, burglaries, and other thefts.

**Police Officers Glen Podlesnik and Jeffrey S. Thiele.....Meritorious Service Award**

In January 2012, Officers Podlesnik and Thiele observed an erratic driver pulling into a gas station on South 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Drug paraphernalia was discovered within the vehicle. The driver was using synthetic cannabis. Through continued investigation, it was determined that this synthetic drug was an illegal product to sell. Undercover investigations led Officers Thiele and Podlesnik to obtain search warrants for several businesses that were selling these synthetic drugs. While searching storage lockers, over 40,000 packages of synthetic cannabis were located. The total seizure was over 119 pounds in addition to considerable cash.

It was also prosecuted federally and is the benchmark of synthetic investigations of Wisconsin.

**Police Officer Kathryn L. Anderer.....Lifesaving Award**

On September 5, 2012, Officer Anderer was travelling eastbound on I-94, enroute to her residence after her tour of duty. She was driving behind her assigned squad partner who was also enroute to his residence after completing his tour of duty when an accident occurred. Her partner was involved in a head-on collision with an intoxicated driver that was travelling the wrong way. Officer Anderer immediately pulled over to the side of the highway and notified the dispatcher of the accident. Without concern for her own safety, she exited her vehicle and immediately ran toward her partner's vehicle to assess his medical status. After notifying the dispatcher of his medical status and the need for emergency medical services, she began to provide comfort and care while assessing his medical condition. She immediately began to talk calmly to him preventing him from becoming unconscious or going into shock. She remained by his side keeping him calm for 45 minutes, while the Milwaukee Fire Department safely removed him from the wreckage. Statements from emergency medical personnel that night at Froedtert Hospital, placed a high value on her quick actions on the scene, assessment of his injuries, comforting and continuous efforts to keep him conscious and emphasized that they were key factors in his survival. The actions of Officer Anderer continued throughout the incident and subsequent care at the hospital played a vital role in her partner's survival as he continued to respond to her voice and instructions.

**Police Officer Miles D. Kowalik.....Lifesaving Award**

On November 3, 2012, Police Officer Kowalik and his partner responded to a dispatched call of a pedestrian struck by a hit and run vehicle. The victim's left leg was severed at the knee as a result of the collision, and the victim was left laying in the street in shock. Officer Kowalik, a graduate of the Tactile Emergency Medical Service course, retrieved his medical bag from his squad and immediately administered aid to the victim. The victim lost copious amounts of blood from his injury. Without hesitation, Officer Kowalik applied a tourniquet to the remaining portion of the victim's leg to curtail the bleeding. Milwaukee Fire Department personnel arrived on scene and transported the victim to the hospital. Officer Kowalik's quick reaction and practical application of his training preserved the victim's survival.

## *District Three*

## *Captain Michael J. Brunson*

Police Officers Scott T. Iverson

and Gary L. Post.....Excellence in Police Service Award

Since June 2012, Police Officers Iverson and Post successfully addressed burglary offenses utilizing a combined proactive policing methodology by conducting exhaustive follow-up, and implementing state of the art technology provided by the department. Officers Iverson and Post used effective teamwork, diligence, and exemplary investigative skills in their remarkable progress. Their work resulted in the reduction of burglary offenses by 12%. They identified various burglars by collaborating with other units, detectives, and officers. Their citizen dialogues and the interrogation skills have also contributed to their success. Both officers have initiated numerous suspect and investigative alerts and persistently follow up on any physical or technological evidence. Officers Iverson and Post exemplify professionalism with teamwork.

Police Officers Lafayette J. Emmons

and Alvin O. Hannah.....Meritorious Service Award

Officer Emmons and Hannah have assisted in hundreds of metal theft investigations. They both possess specialized training in the areas of cell phone and GPS tracking, buccal swabs, and experience with the Wisconsin Property Recovery System. Officers Emmons and Hannah identified the “scrappers” who were operating within District Three. They personally established lines of communication through contacts at WE Energies, Time Warner Cable, and other community organizations most affected by these thefts. Officers Emmons and Hannah effected numerous arrests with successful prosecutions for multiple burglary offenses. They continue to be leaders in the tracked performance measure categories of subject stops, arrests, and incident reports. Officers Emmons and Hannah’s booking record are triple the average level.

Police Sergeant Charles B. Brown.....Meritorious Service Award

On February 4, 2013, Sergeant Brown was on routine patrol when he was flagged down by a citizen who stated he was robbed at gunpoint by several males who fled on foot. Sergeant Brown quickly broadcast the description of the suspects and immediately proceeded to drive in the direction of the fleeing subjects. He aggressively maneuvered his vehicle in front of the subjects and ordered them to stop. Sergeant Brown ordered the subjects to the ground. One suspect complied while the other fled on foot. While attempting to handcuff the subject, a struggle ensued. Sergeant Brown attempted to broadcast his location, but his radio was knocked to a different channel during the struggle. After several minutes of searching, squads located Sergeant Brown as he continued to struggle with the resisting suspect. Both suspects were taken into custody.

## District Four

## Captain Victor E. Beecher

### Police Officer Raymond B. DeBraska.....Lifesaving Award

On February 21, 2013, Officer DeBraska and his partner responded to a shooting scene on North 45<sup>th</sup> Street. Upon arrival, Officer DeBraska entered the residence through a large picture window. Once inside, he observed a police sergeant holding a secure position in the kitchen area with his weapon pointing in the direction of a male subject who was on the ground. This subject was later identified as the shooting suspect. Officer DeBraska also observed a female victim down, an elderly male who had also been wounded, as well as three small children in the kitchen area. After escorting the three children and the elderly male from the kitchen, Officer DeBraska returned to assist the wounded female. He immediately applied direct pressure to the wound on the back of her head and performed C.P.R. in an unsecured environment. Officer DeBraska's selfless actions and ability to remain calm during a chaotic situation, enabled the victims to survive their wounds and the shooting suspect to be taken into custody.

### Police Officers Guy J. Fraley, Kyle R. Mrozinski, Matthew J. Murray and Paul J. Viljevac.....Meritorious Service Award

On October 7, 2012, Officers Murray and Mrozinski were dispatched to an armed robbery complaint on North 60<sup>th</sup> Street. Upon arrival, the victim gave a detailed description of the suspect who aimed a black gun at her and obtained her purse and car keys. The suspect fled northbound on North 60<sup>th</sup> Street toward Bradley Road. Police Officers Fraley and Viljevac observed an individual matching the description of the armed robbery suspect and initiated a field interview. A portion of the victim's property was recovered, and the subject was taken into custody and conveyed for processing. The remaining property taken in this offense was located in the suspect's residence along with the weapon. The members' relentless investigative work resulted in the apprehension of this wanted individual in multiple offenses.

## District Five

## Captain Terrence T. Gordon

### Sergeants August H. Halama and Joe H. Roberson , Police Officers Edward A. Ciano and Keyellia M. Morries.....Lifesaving Award

On December 4, 2012, Sergeant Halama and Police Officers Ciano, Morries and Roberson responded to a dispatched call to check the welfare of a citizen on North 18<sup>th</sup> Street. WE Energies notified the Milwaukee Fire Department that electricity had been turned off. WE Energies believed generators, without proper ventilation, were being used in the home for electricity. The members knocked on the citizen's door for over 15 minutes, attempting to gain entrance. After the Fire Department gained entry, the citizen refused to leave. A carbon monoxide reader registered

## *District Five*

## *Captain Gordon T. Terrence*

dangerous levels of the gas. The Fire Department confirmed levels were continuing to rise. With the citizen still refusing to exit, the members safely escorted him out of the residence. The citizen had 28 parts per million of carbon monoxide.

### **Police Aide Michael R. Braunreiter.....Lifesaving Award**

On March 8, 2013, Police Aide Braunreiter was assigned as the booker for his work location. During his cellblock check, Police Aide Braunreiter observed a subject hanging himself with his jacket sleeve. Police Aide Braunreiter immediately activated the alarm and sprinted to the wall to retrieve the cell key and booker knife. He returned back at the cell and attempted to cut the jacket sleeve that was tied to the cell door. The knife was too dull, and he was unable to cut the jacket. A responding officer armed with his knife cut the jacket sleeve freeing the subject. The subject survived and was conveyed for medical evaluation. Police Aide Braunreiter's awareness, quick response to the alarm, and assistance to the responding officers saved the subject from great bodily harm.

### **Captain Terrence T. Gordon**

#### **and Police Lieutenant Boris Turcinovic.....Excellence in Police Service Award**

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### **Police Officer Jason Rodriguez.....Distinguished Service Award**

Over the past eight years, while assigned to the Anti Gang Unit, Officer Rodriguez has successfully served over 300 warrants, and was instrumental in the seizure of numerous firearms, illegal drugs, and other criminal assets. Officer Rodriguez was influential in identifying serious crime trends within District Five, and the planning and implementation of various operations to address those issues. Several of these operations resulted in departmental recognition. Officer Rodriguez encourages cooperation, teamwork, and continuously motivates the staff of the unit. His tenacity in the collection of intelligence of persons and locations accounts for approximately 20% of all search warrants, which has positively impacted challenged neighborhoods.

## District Five

## Captain Terrence T. Gordon

### **Police Officers Daniel J. Keller and Gregory M. Kuspa.....Meritorious Service Award**

Between March and September 2012, District Five experienced a series of vicious crimes ranging from brutal assaults to significant property damage. A video was posted on You Tube titled, "Milwaukee Hoodlums," which depicted two suspects verbally tormenting victims before aggressively punching and kicking victims to the ground. In September 2012, Police Officers Keller and Kuspa conducted a field interview of a juvenile on West Center Street. Officer Keller recognized this juvenile as being one of the suspects in the video. After positive identification was determined, the officers conducted an interview and obtained a full confession of the crimes in addition to the identities of the additional suspects in the video. Since this apprehension, there has been a reduction of crimes of this nature.

## District Six

## Captain Diana Rowe

### **Police Officer Jeffrey G. Pierson.....Lifesaving Award**

On June 28, 2012, Officer Pierson responded to a shooting at the Clark gas station on East Oklahoma Avenue. Upon entering the gas station, Officer Pierson observed a subject lying on the floor drenched in blood with two gunshot wounds. The victim appeared to be going into shock due to the loss of blood. Officer Pierson applied a tourniquet and quick-clot sponge and applied pressure to the subject's wound. The first aid measures caused the bleeding to stop. The Milwaukee Fire Department arrived and conveyed the subject. The Fire Department staff stated that it was highly likely the victim would have bled to death without Officer Pierson's decisive actions.

### **Police Officer Todd R. Puetz.....Lifesaving Award**

On January 16, 2012, off-duty Officer Puetz was fishing in McKinley Marina on North Lincoln Memorial Drive when he heard cries for help coming from nearby. Officer Puetz responded to the center marina and again heard cries for help. He discovered a subject in the water up to his chest beyond the locked gate. Officer Puetz initiated a dialogue to calm the subject while simultaneously summoning the Fire Department. When the Milwaukee Fire Department (MFD) first responded, they responded to the wrong area of the marina. He raised their attention by quickly retrieving a blaze orange cushion from his truck and waving it in the air. MFD noticed the movement and responded to his location at the center marina. Officer Puetz maintained his communications with the subject until he was safely rescued from the water.

**Police Aide Alberto Figueroa.....Lifesaving Award**

On November 12, 2012, Police Aide Figueroa had just completed his tour of duty and was on his way home when he observed a subject climbing onto the bridge at Lloyd Street over Highway 41 at North 47<sup>th</sup> Street. Police Aide Figueroa engaged the subject in dialogue and learned he was suicidal. The subject was outside the bridge fence on the ledge and told Police Aide Figueroa he was going to walk to the middle of the bridge and commit suicide by jumping. He grabbed onto the subject's jacket through the fence in an attempt to keep him from jumping. Assistance was summoned by Police Aide Figueroa utilizing his cell phone while he maintained dialogue with the suicidal subject and held onto his jacket. The subject was removed from harm's way and was conveyed for medical evaluation. Police Aide Figueroa's quick thinking and brave actions prevented the subject from injury.

**Police Officers Justin M. Jolliff and Philip Rodriguez.....Meritorious Service Award**

On May 24, 2012, Officers Jolliff and Officer Rodriguez responded to a possible entry in progress. The officers observed a secured, vacant residence with a vehicle parked in the rear. A second vehicle contained copper pipes laying in the rear of the vehicle. The officers observed at least two subjects walking around in the basement through a window and heard the sound of cutting pipe. After being made aware of the officers' presence, the subjects attempted to conceal themselves. After several orders to surrender, the subjects complied. The officers determined the vehicle located in the rear of the residence belonged to the subjects. An inventory of the vehicle contents netted several rolled up pieces of paper on the floor that contained lists of addresses. The officers realized these lists were potential targets and began to check the addresses. They discovered all the properties were vacant and some had just been entered and the copper piping stolen. The lists contained 58 addresses in Milwaukee and West Allis. The suspects admitted to burglarizing multiple vacant residences.

**Police Officers David L. Claas and Jutiki X.....Meritorious Service Award**

On July 20, 2012, Officer Claas and X were dispatched to an entry at South Kinnickinnic Avenue. The officers determined that this entry was consistent with other recurring burglaries in the area. The officers communicated with Greenfield Police Department detectives who were conducting surveillance on a suspect in several of the cases. Their investigation lead to a tip that the suspect and his vehicle were apprehended after a foot chase. A search of the suspect's residence and vehicle revealed evidence from several burglaries. Police Officers Claas and X exhibited proactive measures in the diligent pursuit and apprehension of the suspect responsible for victimizing numerous citizens.

Police Officers David M. Gabbard  
and Theresa C. Janick.....Distinguished Service Award

In July 2011, Officers Gabbard and Janick were investigating criminal activity involving juvenile gangs. These gangs had a criminal history of random acts of violence, flash mobbing, retail thefts, and fighting. The identity of the gang leadership was revealed by the officers utilizing various investigative methods. In December 2011, the officers determined the predominant group active in the Seventh District. Officer Gabbard and his partner linked gang members to numerous stolen autos, which were used in shootings, burglaries, and robberies. Their comprehensive investigation resulted in the clearance of other crimes committed by these individuals in Districts Four and Five and in the cities of West Allis and Whitefish Bay. In the past eighteen months, Officer Gabbard and Officer Janick have identified over thirty gang members, which have resulted in charges of armed robbery, burglary, auto thefts, sexual assaults, and other felony and misdemeanor arrests.

Police Officers Eric Brenson, Ron Fohr  
and Elliott Whiteside.....Excellence in Police Service Award

Officers Brenson, Fohr and Whiteside have steadily established a high standard of activity while assigned to District Seven, confirmed by a comprehensive evaluation of their performance measures. During the last six consecutive ratings for the periods of November 2011 through October 2012, Officers Brenson, Fohr and Whiteside have sustained an above-average level of activity in the areas of traffic and subject stops, arrests, and report submissions. The officers' high-performance is exemplary.

Police Officers Martez L. Ball and Sarah M. Beland.....Meritorious Service Award

On Monday, July 23, 2012, while on routine patrol, Officers Ball and Beland were stopped for the red light on North 35<sup>th</sup> Street and Capitol Drive. They observed a group of four subjects walking east across North 35<sup>th</sup> Street towards a bus stop. Due to the number of robberies that occur at bus stops, the officers maintained visual contact. Moments later, a male was observed running from the bus stop with the four suspects pursuing him. As the officers approached, the suspects began to flee on foot. The victim was found lying unconscious from multiple head injuries from being beaten and kicked. Officer Ball immediately decentralized one of the suspects and began to pursue the other three. Officer Beland took the decentralized suspect into custody and secured him in the squad and began rendering first aid to the victim. Officer Ball apprehended two more suspects while an assisting squad apprehended the fourth suspect.



**Police Officers David M. Martinez and Ted C. Puente.....Meritorious Service Award**

On September 20, 2012, Officers Martinez and Puente were flagged down by a citizen reporting a man chasing someone with a large knife in the neighborhood. As the officers approached the suspect's apartment, they looked through the screen door and observed the suspect armed with a gun pointing it in the direction of the officers. The officers took a position of cover. The officers established dialogue with the subject, and the subject exited the apartment unarmed. Upon doing so, the subject became combative and began kicking the officers as they approached. The electronic control device was deployed and the suspect was taken into custody. Investigation revealed the subject is a decorated Gulf War Veteran, who suffers from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. He was conveyed for medical evaluations.

**Police Officers Joseph M. Boehlke  
and Jennifer J. Johnson.....Meritorious Service Award**

On Tuesday, January 10, 2012, Officers Boehlke and Johnson were dispatched to a battery complaint at Guaranty Bank on Appleton Avenue. An employee observed a male grab an elderly woman and throw her into a red pickup truck through the passenger's side door. The suspect then slammed the door on the victim's legs. The vehicle then fled the scene. The officers checked the Automated Record System and determined the victim had been sexually assaulted and abused by the suspect in the past, but was afraid to prosecute. Officers Boehlke and Johnson continued their investigation and drove to the victim's residence. While enroute, the officers observed the suspect in his vehicle and took him into custody for battery and disorderly conduct. The suspect was also in possession of marijuana. During an interview, the elderly victim revealed that the suspect had abused her and a family member for years.

**Police Officers Michael A. Fedel and Jorge O. Suarez.....Meritorious Service Award**

In December 2012, District Seven had been experiencing a number of reported armed robbery complaints. The robberies occurred in the area bordered by West Capitol Drive to West Congress Avenue, North 60<sup>th</sup> Street to North 65<sup>th</sup> Street. Suspects were apprehended and questioned. Officers Fedel and Suarez conducted several hours of interviews, which led to the arrest of four subjects, and linked them to multiple offenses. Officers Fedel and Suarez demonstrated professionalism and devotion to duty.

**Lead Police Telecommunicator Tina M. Torrescruz.....Lifesaving Award**

On December 17, 2012, Lead Police Telecommunicator (LPT) Torrescruz was alerted to a call from a citizen in Texas, who stated her intoxicated boyfriend jumped into Lake Michigan in a suicide attempt. He came out of the water freezing, but could not identify exactly where he was located. Once given his mobile telephone number, an attempt was made to trace his location. Efforts to locate him through his cell phone were unsuccessful. After contacting the subject by phone, he refused to give his location. On several occasions the subject disconnected the calls made to him. Finally, after 20 minutes of persistent pleading by LPT Torrescruz, he disclosed his location allowing squads to be dispatched. Once on the scene, officers discovered the subject had jumped back into Lake Michigan and appeared to be trapped between large rocks. Officers freed him and he was conveyed for medical treatment.

**Police Telecommunicator Diana L. Lebron.....Meritorious Service Award**

In February 2013, Police Telecommunicator (PT) Lebron received a 9-1-1 call from a crying, four-year old child. The child and his five siblings, ages infant to six years old, were left alone. The child did not know his address or phone number. During the first call, the child disconnected the line after ninety minutes. PT Lebron called back several times, but was sent to voicemail. Since the call did not come from a landline, the call was not easily traceable. PT Lebron utilized technology to search for the caller's cell phone number and located the address. Three squads were dispatched. The officers found the children were left unattended by their mother. They were found unharmed and were placed into the custody of the Bureau of Child Welfare and their was taken into custody.

**Police Lieutenant James H. Mac Gillis .....Excellence in Police Service Award**

Juneteenth Day is one of Milwaukee's largest festivals. Planning for the festival has become a multi-unit, multi-jurisdictional project led by Milwaukee Police Department members. As a result of coordinated leadership from Lieutenant James H. Mac Gillis and the Milwaukee Police Department units, the festival was one of the safest and best-organized events in the City of Milwaukee. The well-coordinated leadership and the implementation of the operational plan enabled festival attendees, vendors, and assigned officers to work and enjoy the well-attended historic Juneteenth Day event.

### Internal Affairs Division

Captain Gary J. Gacek

#### **Police Lieutenant David A. Salazar Jr.....Distinguished Service Award**

Between September 2010 and November 2012, Police Lieutenant Salazar Jr. was responsible for developing a security plan and managing law enforcement operations for twelve elections within the City of Milwaukee in which over 1.2 million ballots were cast. He not only drafted an operational plan for department personnel to follow, but also coordinated legal and law enforcement resources from multiple local, county, and state agencies to execute the plan. Police Lieutenant Salazar developed and facilitated an election law training course to ensure that all personnel responsible for election-related security were equipped with current, relevant information to perform their duties.

### South Investigations Division

Captain Leslie M. Thiele

#### **Police Officers Christopher J. Lalko and Jon R. Parker.....Excellence in Police Service Award**

Officers Lalko and Parker, who are assigned to the city tow lot, work cooperatively with the parking enforcement desk to resolve ownership conflicts and vehicle identification number discrepancies. They are also the custodians of numerous evidence vehicles that have been involved in serious crimes. Officers Lalko and Parker identified inefficiencies in the processing, maintaining and releasing of evidence vehicles. They worked diligently to establish secured areas for evidence vehicle storage, removed old equipment and established parking spaces and security systems. They were instrumental in obtaining the equipment necessary for detectives and forensic investigators to be on site. Officers Lalko and Parker's contribution lead to the amendment of the Standard Operating Procedures regarding towing.

### Office of Community Outreach & Education Captain Peter D. Pierce

#### **Police Officer Kathy R. Schult.....Excellence in Police Service Award**

Police Officer Kathy R. Schult has touched the lives of many people through her involvement in various community outreach programs. She is the President of the Milwaukee Police Historical Society, Vice President of the Recreation Association of the Milwaukee Police (RAMP), a board member of the Wisconsin Association of Women Police, and Honor Guard member. She has given her time to the Special Olympics and Law Enforcement Torch Run. Officer Schult has also coordinated the city-wide Auxiliary Program, Police Explorers, the intramural athletic program, district workout facilities and annual picnics and Christmas parties. Through her dedication and involvement with these programs, Officer Schult conveys a positive image of the Milwaukee Police Department.

*Neighborhood Task Force*

*Captain Donald J. Gaglione*

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## *Unit Service Award*

Captain of Police Terrence T. Gordon

Police Lieutenant Heather N. Wurth

Police Sergeant Rochelle A. Gawin

Police Officer Jennifer Feather

Police Officer Gregory D. Hunter

Police Officer Cory J. Lopez

Police Officer Brian D. Matte

Police Officer Laurel K. Osiewalski

Police Officer Gerald L. Schmidt

Police Lieutenant Boris Turcinovic

Police Sergeant Kevin L. Eyre

Police Officer Thomas M. Kupsik

Police Officer Paul D. Martinez

Police Officer Sarah A. Polka

Police Officer Kevin D. Matte

Police Officer Devennuette Prince

Police Officer Joseph L. Szczybalka

Police Officer Eileen M. Donovan-Agnew

Police District Office Assistant Veneitta A. Claybrooks

In February 2012, planning began to host the 2013 Wisconsin Association of Community Oriented Police (WACOP) in the City of Milwaukee. District Five set a goal to increase recognition of WACOP and their community policing philosophy. Department members collaborated throughout the year. Pamphlets and flyers were designed to market the event, as well as a 30-page conference manual containing the agenda and presenters' biographies. The conference agenda featured criminal justice professionals from throughout the state and members of the Milwaukee Police Department, including Chief Edward A. Flynn, Milwaukee Police Department commanders, police officers, detectives, and an analyst from the Intelligence Fusion Center. The keynote speaker was the internationally known and respected George Kelling, PhD. Portions of the conference were attended by Mayor Tom Barrett and members of his staff, the Executive Director of the Fire and Police Commission, and a member of the Common Council.

To ensure that the conference was well attended, District Five's WACOP work team sent direct mailings to every law enforcement agency and college public safety department in the State of Wisconsin, as well as select offices of the Department of Corrections. The mailings were followed up with phone calls to every police agency in Milwaukee County and postings on law enforcement websites in the region. The result was the largest turnout in the history of WACOP. District Five's Community Prosecution Unit served as hosts throughout the three-day event, operating two to three shuttles per day to convey attendees to restaurants and attractions in the city, and handling Information Technology and audio visual needs in the main room and breakout sessions.

As a result, the conference was well attended, with 142 registered attendees and 190 guests from 42 agencies in Wisconsin and Illinois. In addition to Chief Edward A. Flynn, two other agency chiefs were in attendance. Reviews and feedback were overwhelmingly positive. The individual efforts of each member of the District Five hosting team demonstrated teamwork, diligence, and perseverance, in an exemplary manner.

## *Citizen Award—Valorous Conduct*

Milwaukee County Sheriff Deputy Nicholas D'Addario and  
Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, Investigator Daniel B. Suszek

On February 19, 2013, Investigator Suszek observed a citizen attempt to drown himself by jumping into the cold water of Lake Michigan. He immediately contacted the Milwaukee County Sheriff Dispatch Center to request assistance. The US Coast Guard and Milwaukee Fire Department were also brought in to assist in the coordinated response to rescue the subject. After Deputy D'Addario came on scene, he and Investigator Suszek went onto the edge of ice to retrieve the citizen. After jumping into the extremely icy, cold water, the subject's demeanor changed and began yelling for help. Deputy D'Addario and Investigator Suszek were able to hook the arms of the subject and pull him out of the water to safety. Their actions were directly responsible for saving a human life. The subject was conveyed to the hospital for medical and mental health care.

Mr. Eric C. Kesler— Ms. Dyanna M. Rau

In August 2012, Ms. Dyanna M. Rau was standing near a swimming pool when she looked into the pool and observed a young child lying motionless at the bottom. She immediately jumped into the pool and brought the child up to the surface and called for help. Mr. Eric C. Kesler heard her cries and ran to assist. He immediately began CPR for 5 to 10 minutes, while Ms. Rau called 9-1-1. Without question, the keen observation and quick action of Mr. Kesler and Ms. Rau saved the life of this four year old child who was able to survive the incident.

Mr. Michael Romans

As Mr. Michael Romans was exiting the expressway on November 24, 2012, he noticed several citizens pointing out a suspect to a police officer. Mr. Romans observed the officer get out of his vehicle and the suspect running. Using quick thinking, Mr. Romans used his vehicle to block the suspect's path. The suspect ran into the side of Mr. Romans' truck and was dazed, but continued to run. The officer then caught up with the suspect and ordered him to the ground. Mr. Romans, who is a local business owner, showed extreme courage in a potentially dangerous situation.

## *Citizen Award—Meritorious Conduct*

### **Mr. Kyle M. Anderson-Ms. Lexie M. Belles-Mr. Mark L. Simonson**

On January 22, 2013, extensive test firing was done by the staff of the Milwaukee Crime Lab to assist in a criminal investigation conducted by the Milwaukee Police Department. The staff went far above and beyond the usual firearms testing and as a result, proved the incident was a homicide. Their work greatly supported the continuing investigation.

### **Mr. Cordaveaus D. Brown**

Although he is only an eleven year-old young boy, Cordaveaus D. Brown, provided important information to the Milwaukee Housing Authority Public Safety officers regarding a suspect carrying stolen property away from a residence. Public Safety was able to stop the suspect resulting in his arrest. Two other actors were also arrested upon the confession of the first suspect.

### **Mr. Frederick J. Carsky-Ms. Jeanne Frost-Mr. Steven J. Meyer**

Mr. Carsky and Ms. Frost, with the assistance of their search dogs, Trixie and Liesl, assisted in the search for a Homicide victim. They donated their time, search dogs, and personal vehicles to assist during the search mission. In addition, Mr. Meyer altered the normal operations of the landfill operation to facilitate the search efforts. He donated the resources of one operator and one Caterpillar bulldozer for twenty hours.

### **Mr. Kevin J. Essser**

District Two has seen an increase in the amount of graffiti in recent months. Due to Mr. Essser's alertness, District Two officers were able to arrest two juveniles who eventually confessed to 25 counts of graffiti. This arrest would not have been possible without Mr. Essser's holding onto the juveniles after they ran from the area. The two juveniles were responsible for thousands of dollars of damage, and thanks to Mr. Essser's efforts, they will now face criminal charges.

### **Mr. Michael J. Diedrich-Ms. Arminda Fontanez**

On August 30, 2012, an attempted armed robbery was witnessed by Mr. Diedrich and Ms. Fontanez. They followed the suspect in their vehicle while calling 9-1-1 and were able to give a full description of the suspect and the direction of travel to the telecommunicator. Because they were able to provide eyewitness statements, both actors were located, arrested and charged.

## *Citizen Award—Meritorious Conduct*

### **Mr. Brett M. Lieungh-Mr. Tod Oldenburg**

On September 1, 2012, while working a sidewalk sale, Mr. Lieungh and Mr. Oldenburg observed a strong arm robbery. After hearing the victim's yell for help, Mr. Lieungh and Mr. Oldenburg tripped, then tackled the suspect, holding him on the ground until police arrived. Due to their courageous actions, the suspect was taken into custody and the victim's belongings were returned to her.

### **Mr. Frankie Saltre**

In January of 2013, Mr. Saltre observed a robbery in progress in a residential home. After alerting the homeowner, Mr. Saltre proceeded inside the residence while the police were being called. A struggle ensued as Mr. Saltre confronted the subject. The homeowner returned home and assisted Mr. Saltre in detaining the subject until the police arrived. Mr. Saltre displayed keen observation skills, bravery and a willingness to protect his neighbor's property.

### **Mr. Robert J. Vestor**

Mr. Vestor observed a suspicious person prowling around his neighbor's service garage door. After calling 9-1-1, he got in his own vehicle to follow the subject and spotted him with a blue bicycle that he believed to be stolen. He continued to follow the suspect until he was apprehended by the police. At the time of his arrest, the subject was wanted on a felony warrant for two counts of Burglary. Mr. Vestor's actions were a crucial factor in the identification, capture, investigation, and prosecution of this subject.

### **Investigator Robert R. Krystowiak**

Marquette Public Safety Investigator Robert R. Krystowiak, provided valuable intelligence regarding the actors involved in the "Corner Store Scoped Rifle" robberies. He sifted through hours of video footage to locate the car used in casing the store at West Wells Street. This information was then used in apprehending the vehicle and the actors involved in this crime. Investigator Krystowiak has continued to assist the Milwaukee Police Department in helping to solve crimes on the Marquette campus.



## *Citizen Award—Certificate of Appreciation*

### **Mr. James P. Barry**

Heavy rains hit Milwaukee on October 14, 2012, and clogged many sewer grates throughout the neighborhoods in District Five. Flooding became a problem on numerous streets and caused an accident on North Humboldt Blvd. Due to the high volume of calls, the problem could not be addressed for some time. Mr. Barry showed great concern for the safety of his fellow Riverwest residents by wading into the knee deep water, searching for the grates and clearing the leaves away on both sides of the streets.

### **Mr. Glen Jones-Mr. Larry Green**

As voluntary members of the Milwaukee Police Department Community Program, Mr. Glen Jones and Mr. Larry Green understand the importance of giving back to the community. They are heavily involved in mentoring children in public schools and maintaining contact with members of the Community Outreach Program. In addition, they continue to distinguish themselves by donating a significant amount of time and effort in assisting the Milwaukee Police Department and the Milwaukee Public Schools. District Three's success in this initiative is due, in large part, their partnership.

### **Ms. Linda Reince**

On January 7, 2013, while making her rounds, Public Service Ambassador Linda Reince observed a wallet and some clothing in the ice on the river on East Wells Street. Believing these items could be related to the investigation of a missing person since New Year's Eve, she notified her supervisor. These items were a positive recovery for the Milwaukee Police Department Marine Unit.

## *In Memory of those who gave their lives in the line of duty*

Frank Pidczek .....	6/22/1884	Raymond A. Nencki.....	10/05/1959
John Kossow .....	9/30/1899	Robert Kraemer .....	2/7/1963
Ernest Johnson .....	9/15/1904	James J. Rivers .....	3/21/1966
Otto H. Flieth.....	12/17/1908	Ronald T. Hogan.....	5/2/1967
Peter Gauer .....	7/3/1909	Bryan Moschea .....	7/31/1967
Frank Caswin .....	11/24/1917	George Fish .....	9/23/1970
Henry Deckert .....	11/24/1917	Alan Sroczynski .....	11/8/1970
Frederick Kaiser .....	11/24/1917	Paul DuPlanty.....	11/9/1971
David O'Brien .....	11/24/1917	Gerald Hempe .....	1/31/1973
Charles Seehawer .....	11/24/1917	Charles T. Smith .....	1/31/1973
Edward Spindler.....	11/24/1917	Ronald Reagan.....	12/13/1973
Stephen Stecker.....	11/24/1917	Thomas G. Matulis .....	7/10/1974
Albert Templin .....	11/24/1917	Robert D. Riley .....	7/10/1974
Paul Weiler .....	11/24/1917	Michael Draeger.....	12/28/1974
William Kaemmerling.....	1/26/1922	Dennis Obradovich .....	8/17/1975
Joseph Kubacki .....	5/24/1924	Albert Kohn.....	10/29/1975
Walter Luedtke .....	12/18/1924	Thomas Kiefer .....	11/25/1977
Harold W. Schmidt.....	4/4/1925	John Machajewski .....	12/23/1981
Hilbert Thurow .....	8/22/1930	Charles S. Mehlberg.....	12/23/1981
Robert Bahlke .....	2/23/1932	Sydney C. Snow.....	1/20/1982
Richard R. Zingler.....	2/8/1933	Rosario J. Collura .....	3/19/1985
Harry Pieske .....	6/27/1935	Leonard R. Lesnieski.....	3/19/1985
Charles George.....	6/8/1936	Dennis J. Gorlewski.....	2/25/1987
Nelson Goodman .....	8/10/1937	Roger A. Sterling.....	5/11/1987
George Raabe .....	11/2/1937	Steve J. Hasenstab.....	8/19/1989
Joseph Lecher .....	3/21/1943	Richard E. Wagner .....	10/25/1990
Arnold Werner .....	7/10/1943	Michael R. Tourmo.....	11/18/1990
Valentine Adam.....	3/6/1948	William A. Robertson.....	9/7/1994
Elmer W. Bates.....	8/23/1948	Michael A. Niehoff .....	12/1/1994
Vernon White .....	11/10/1951	Wendolynn O. Tanner.....	9/7/1996



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located just outside The Main Office*